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THREE CENTS

## School for Girls

Northfield School for Girls began its sixty-ninth academic year Monday with an enrollment of more than 500. Classes began Wednesday and a reception for the 185 new students will be held Saturday at the home of Dr. Mira B. Wilson, the principal.

New members of the school faculty include Mrs. Laurie P. Brown, of Rochester, New York, assistant librarian, formerly a teacher in Rochester and Wellsville (New York) schools; Miss Evelyn Emerson, of Brattleboro, Vt., home economics department, formerly associated with the Department of Public Instruction, Honolulu, and Lincoln House, Boston; Miss Renee Gretilat, Le Chambon, France, mathematics department, an exchange teacher with Miss Elizabeth Homet, science department; Miss Ruth A. Jones, Nanticoke, Pa., language department, previously connected with the Pine Crest School and Florida State University; Miss Gloria M. Savcheff, Northfield, Mass., music department, formerly assistant to piano instructor at Boston University, and Miss Patricia L. Thomas, Richmond, California, a graduate of the University of California.

## Masonic Visitation

On Friday evening, October 10, will take place the annual visitation to Harmony Lodge of Masons of this town at their hall on Parker Ave., of the district deputy officials. The officers are Rt. Wor. George E. Clapp, D. D. G. M.; Wor. Donald P. Wells, D. D. G. M.; Wor. Clement A. Rose, D. D. G. Secretary; Dor. William B. Hayes, D. D. G. Treasurer.

The session will convene at 8 o'clock and it is expected that there will be a large attendance of members and many guests from lodges within the district. Morning Sun Lodge, of Conway, held its visitation on the 12th; Mechanics Lodge, of Turners Falls, on the 19th; Bay State Lodge, of Montague, is scheduled for the 26th; Republican Lodge, of Greenfield, for October 2; Mountain Lodge, of Shelburne Falls, for October 17, and Mt. Sugar Loaf Lodge, of South Deerfield, for October 24.

## Local Nurse Graduates

Miss Genevieve H. Wozniak, of West Northfield, was among the graduates of the Franklin County Hospital Nurses' Training School who received their diplomas at the commencement exercises held last Tuesday evening in the parish house of St. James Episcopal Church in Greenfield.

The oath was administered by Rev. John B. Whiteman and the diplomas were distributed by Dr. John B. Temple who is president of the medical staff. The invocation was by Rev. James W. Casey, of Holy Trinity Church, and the address was delivered by the Rev. Clyde W. Williams of All Souls Church.

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## Increased State Aid

Supt. Robert N. Taylor, of School Union No. 25, announces a new schedule for the benefit of increased state aid for the schools of the union which includes Northfield. The selectmen have been officially notified.

The recently enacted state aid bill for transportation is now effective and under the provisions of the same Northfield will receive this year an estimated amount of \$7,319, against \$163.88 in 1946. Gil will get \$3,888.02; Bernardston, \$1,000; Warwick, \$5,510.75, and Leyden \$2,841.50. In the apportionment Northfield's gain this year amounts to \$7,155.12; Warwick's gain is \$3,457.65; Leyden, \$2,015.68; Gil, \$1,708.51, and Bernardston, \$925.

The information made public by Superintendent Taylor will be welcome news to our citizens.

## A Piano Recital

Northfield people are cordially invited to attend a piano recital presented by the Northfield Schools Saturday, September 27, at 8.15 P. M., in the Auditorium. The artist will be Joaquin Nin-Culmell, a concert pianist who is well known in musical circles for his authentic interpretation of Spanish music. In addition to his concert work he also teaches at Williams College.

Mr. Nin-Culmell was born in Germany of Cuban parents and his musical education has been under French and Spanish teachers. As a performer he has won high praise from music critics. The "Christian Science Monitor," in commenting on a Boston recital, said, "By Mr. Nin-Culmell's interpretation, Spanish music is energetic in rhythm, virile and assertive in melody and wide awake in temper."

Other critics speak of his "fiery and emotionally compelling performance." The program lists groups by the traditional composers—Bach, Beethoven, Schumann and Chopin, as well as the lesser known Spanish composers.

## Town Topics

Zellah M. Henshaw, of this town, was naturalized as an American citizen in Superior Court at Greenfield last week when the oath of allegiance was administered and citizenship transferred from Canada. Also Elizabeth Kasandi, subject of Hungary, was given citizenship.

## Boys at Hermon School

It is most interesting for most of our citizens to learn that a very large number of boys from this community and vicinity are enrolled as students in the Mount Hermon School. There is an enrollment of 500 students at the beginning of the present school year, which is full of promise. Among the boys enrolled are the following:

From Northfield and East Northfield, Robert Barnes, Ralph E. Barrows, Roland F. Bentley, Paul E. Chamberlain, Jr.; Carl A. Frankenberg, Clifford P. Holton, Philip E. Huber, E. Lynn Partridge, David S. Powell, David B. Wells, Sydney G. Chapin, Everett P. Davis, Peter R. Haack, Alva M. Jones, Roger N. Lopez, Bruce H. Heald, Theodore W. Janeway.

From South Vernon, Henry E. Martineau, Arthur O. Stacey, John Skib and Donald Skib.

From Mount Hermon, Richard A. Erickson, Edwin F. White, Robert F. White, and John D. Bassette.

## Local Girls Enrolled

Among the 500 students who have enrolled here this week for the sixty-ninth academic year at Northfield School for Girls are Jane T. Backus, daughter of Mrs. Carl D. Backus; Esther M. Bentley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glossie G. Bentley; Portia M. Chamberlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Chamberlin; October Cullum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene S. Cullum; Bette Franz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albin E. Franz; Carol Gillespie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Gillespie; Emily L. Kirk, daughter of Mrs. Emily S. Kirk; Sally Kirk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leander R. Kirk; Anne S. Livingston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar J. Livingston.

Jean L. McEwan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George McEwan; Mary E. Mosse, daughter of Mrs. Alice A. Mosse; Nina Pearsall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Pearsall; Betty Ann Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Taylor; Leona Mary White, Joan E. Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Leonard; Anne Berlin, daughter of Mrs. Mildred M. Berlin; Julia Huber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max L. Huber; Barbara F. Locke, daughter of Mrs. Frances Locke; Beverly J. McCollum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. McCollum; Lee M. Scanlon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Scanlon; Alice Zebert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zebert; Margaret E. Dodd, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Wilson F. Dodd, of Mt. Hermon; Alice M. Taber, daughter of Mr. Leon Taber, of Mt. Hermon; Mary A. Erickson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Erickson, of Mt. Hermon, and Ann D. Pyper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pyper, of Mt. Hermon.

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## Church Elects Officers

The Advent Christian Church of Mount Vernon, which has a membership of nearly one hundred members, held its annual meeting last week. Rev. L. M. Spaulding presided and Vera Vaughan was chosen clerk. The annual reports were gratifying and showed progress for the organization. The following were named as trustees:

Rev. Mr. Spaulding, E. W. Dunklee, Rev. E. W. Blackstone, A. A. Dunklee, G. C. Buffum, Courtland Dunklee, Harold Parsons, W. B. Dunklee, Ernest Durant, R. J. Allen, Mrs. A. A. Dunklee, Mrs. Eleanor Dunklee, Leroy Barnes, B. C. Allen, Mrs. Gertrude Gibson, Miss Vera Vaughn, S. R. Kendall, and Mrs. Elsie Blackstone.

Deacons—A. A. Dunklee, G. C. Buffum, Mrs. F. H. Leavitt, and Mrs. Eleanor Dunklee.

At a meeting of the trustees Rev. Mr. Spaulding was named president and Ernest Dunklee, treasurer.

## Qualifies As An Expert

George Pfefferle has qualified as an expert in the art of playing golf. He made a "hole in one" on the links of the Northfield Hotel and his hit dropped the ball right in without any fanfare. He was playing with Seth Field and Thomas Parker with abilities evenly matched, but the record now made by Pfefferle, makes him an outstanding player. Friends are now considering awarding him the meritorious medal. The game was played last Sunday.

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## SPCC Needs Funds

The Franklin district of the Massachusetts Society for the prevention of cruelty to children will seek to secure the amount of \$3,480 in its 1947 drive in order to carry on its work. Each of the towns in the county will be given a quota and representatives will be named to secure contributions. The Northfield appeal will be in charge of Mrs. Fred A. Holton and Miss Elsie Scott and any monies should be sent them. The SPCC has been and is doing splendid work and is the only agency through which needy and underprivileged children can be cared for. Last year cases investigated by the society involved 327 county children whose condition ranged from physical cruelty and neglect to delinquency, feeble-mindedness and insanity. Checks may be sent to the local representatives to help the society's work.

## Aldrich Services

There was a military funeral for Alfred Aldrich, Saturday at 2 P. M. at Kidder's Funeral Parlor. Burial was in West Northfield. The flag was presented to his widow at the grave by Edward Hurley. Rev. E. E. Blackstone officiated. Walter Bruce, of South Vernon, played "taps" and David Quinn, of Northfield, played the echoes. There were many flowers. Bearers were Norman Randall, Paul Gibson, Leslie Gibson and Thomas Hurley.

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**Resigns President PTA**

At the last regular meeting of the PTA held Monday evening, September 8, Mrs. Philip M. Mann Jr. elected president for the ensuing year, tendered her resignation. At the meeting Vice-president Harold McLean presided and reports were made, first by Mrs. Glen Billings for the membership committee which stated 155 were enrolled. Supt. Taylor explained the announced changes in the conduct of the school. Members present to the number of fifty greeted the teachers in the schools and Mrs. Billings and Mrs. David Hammond were hostesses.

**Town Topics**

Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Leavitt, of South Vernon, are spending a week at their summer cottage in Alton Bay, N. H.

The Alumni Association of Mount Hermon School will be in annual session on Friday, October 10, at Mount Hermon.

Mrs. Nellie Stockwell, of Manchester, N. H., now a guest at the Vernon Home in South Vernon, is a sister of Rev. Frank H. Leavitt.

The Friendly Class of the Congregational Church held their scheduled gathering last Monday evening at the home of Mrs. J. Lee Bolton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hinds, of Garden City, were at their cottage on Rustic Ridge over the last week end. Mrs. Hinds' sister was with them.

Mrs. J. F. Schmadeke, of Thompsonville, Conn., has closed her summer home on Rustic Ridge and returned to Thompsonville but will be back later for a week's stay to enjoy the foliage season.

Miss Evelyn Lawley of the High school will be the coach of the Northfield team, high school softball team in the Border league, of which she has also been elected its secretary. The Northfield team has been a winner for the past three years in the league.

At the meeting of the Friendly Class on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. J. Lee Bolton there was an attendance of twenty-five members and the guest speaker was Mrs. Ralph Johnson, of Winchester, who gave a most interesting book review. Refreshments were served by a committee consisting of Mrs. Roy A. Barrows, Mrs. Harold McLean and Mrs. Wayne Black.

Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, pastor of the Congregational Church, has returned from a western trip during which he preached a sermon at a church in Gilead, Ind., where he formerly served.

The annual business meeting of the Trinitarian Congregational Church will be held Wednesday evening, October 8, when reports will be presented and an election of officers held.

President J. Caldwell Wicker, of Fort Union Military Academy, Virginia, was a summer visitor in town this year. For many years the Wicker family resided in the house on Pine Street now occupied by the Hiller family.

Norton P. Field is spending this week in Wilton, Conn., as a guest of Adrian Ossinger.

Lawrence Ropes and Miss Helen Ropes, who have occupied their cottage on the Ridge this summer, have returned to their home in Florida.

Please notify the editor of the Press of any change in your address if you want to receive the paper regularly and on time.

William Peck, son of Rev. and Mrs. H. Dudley Peck, missionaries in Guatemala, who has been visiting them the past summer, returned by plane to Northfield this week and is with his sister, Miss Elinor Peck, at her cottage in Mountain Park.

Donald Smith, who conducts a radio shop at South Vernon, has gone to Chicago to attend Coyne Electrical School for the study of radio and refrigeration.

**Study Economy Measures**

A special legislative commission of this state has requested all officials, county commissioners and selectmen to study economy measures during the year with a view of making suggestions as to how costs of government might be reduced. The purpose is finally to effect a reduction of taxes as a worthwhile project in aid of the taxpayer. Everywhere there is a cry for drastic economies as taxes are too high and real estate cannot stand any further increase.

In Northfield there is much complaint and many property owners feel that we are spending too much money. It is to be hoped that our selectmen will carefully examine the local situation. Unless some drastic curtailment of appropriations at the next annual town meeting takes place, the local tax rate will be higher for next year than the high rate of this year.

**Clothing For Europe**

Mrs. E. M. Powell is continuing her interest in clothing for Europe's needs and recently forwarded two large boxes to the Friends Clothing Center in Philadelphia. The secretary of the friends clothing committee appeals for the continued collection because of the appalling distress and Mrs. Powell will continue her interest. Anyone having garments in which there is future service may send them to Mrs. Powell's home and she will arrange for their forwarding. If you can provide a bundle of serviceable clothes, won't you please arrange to send them to Mrs. Powell immediately.

**Town Topics**

Mrs. Anna Miller, of Jamaica, L. I., formerly a summer resident of East Northfield, who has retired from the teaching profession, was a visitor here last week end. She will spend the winter in Florida. While here she greeted many friends. Miss Miller was accompanied by her friend, Miss Ruth Case, of Jamaica.

**Henry Kirke White**

As we go to press we learn that Henry Kirk White died at his home in Helena, Montana, September 15, at the age of 84 years. He will be recalled by many here as the father of Dr. Philip White of the Institute for Cancer Research in Philadelphia and of the Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory.

Born in Lanark, Ill., Mr. White was the son of a country doctor, Dr. Omar White, who practiced medicine in the early days and served as an apprentice assistant to Dr. Pierce, an early physician to locate here. Mr. White was graduated from Beloit College, Wisconsin, and took his master's degree at Harvard under Professor Tausig. He was one of the two graduate fellows of the newly founded University of Chicago. For many years he taught science in the high school at Missoula, Montana. He was a direct descendant of the early Pilgrims, Governors Bradford and Nicholas White. Besides his widow there is surviving two sons and a daughter and eight grandchildren.


**Town Topics**

Mrs. C. C. Woodruff and daughter Dorothy, of Maplewood, N. J., former summer residents here for many years, were recent visitors in town and while here greeted many friends.

Tomorrow afternoon, Saturday, September 20, will take place in the Central Congregational Church at Fall River the marriage of Miss Janice Alma Meyer, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Harry L. Meyer, of that city and summer residents of Mountain Park in East Northfield, to David Payson Flood, of Framingham. Her father will officiate at the ceremony and a reception will follow in the church parlors.

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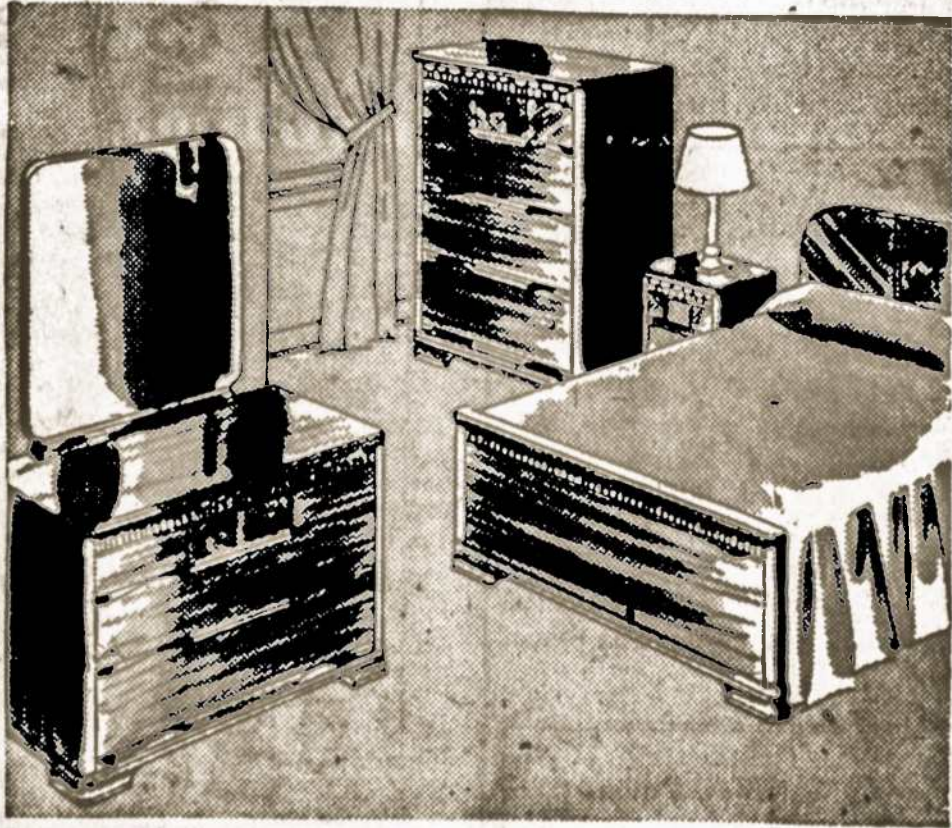
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### Town Topics

With a large membership of men affiliated with the South Vernon Church, the State Line Fellowship held its annual meeting last week and the following officers were chosen: President, Ernest Dunklee; vice-president, Francis R. Furnier; secretary, Warren Brown; treasurer, Gordon C. Buffum. The organization starts the season's schedule of meetings enthusiastically.

Harmony Lodge of Masons will meet at the Masonic Hall on Parker Ave. in regular session on Wednesday evening, September 24. On Tuesday evening, the 23d, the Twelfth Lodge of Instruction will be held with the Republican Lodge at Greenfield.

Mrs. Allen H. Wright, of Main Street, is visiting her sister in Seneca Falls, N. Y., this week. She will also visit in Syracuse, N. Y.

Two hard storms within a week are quite enough. Following a reign of hot and sultry weather, they did break the spell for a short time. In the storms of Saturday, the 13th, and Monday, the 15th, no damage resulted although roads were badly washed.

Raymond B. Willard, 54, of Greenfield, fell from a ladder while painting at one of the buildings of Mount Hermon School on Thursday. An ambulance took him to the Franklin County Hospital where he was treated by Dr. J. E. Moran. He is reported as making a good recovery.

If you are seeking two good Persian cats for home pets, both males, altered, which must not be separated, call Rev. Mrs. Gredler who must find a home for them previous to leaving for a while.

Last Tuesday the roar of airplanes in the sky attracted much compelling attention. They passed directly over East Northfield in a westerly direction and disappeared over the Berkshire hills. There were sixteen airplanes of considerable size and the squadron traveled in formation.

One of the most gorgeous displays of blooms attracted many neighbors and friends last week to the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Frary, on Highland Ave., where both on the house and the garage were morning glories in a beautiful blue tinted color reaching up 15 feet from the ground and all aglow with blossoms. Many called to view the display.

The parish committee of the Unitarian Church will serve a public baked bean supper in the vestry of the church on Friday evening, September 26. Tickets for the same are now being sold.

Mrs. L. B. LaBella, who has been at the cottage of her brother on Rustic Ridge the past summer has left to visit her sister in Scranton, Pa., and later will spend the winter in St. Petersburg, Fla. Recently Mrs. LaBella entertained her sister, Miss Edith Barnes, of Philadelphia.

A series of Gospel services were held at the Farms in the old school house last Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The editor is without information as to the sponsor or who conducted them.

The Sunday morning preachers at the Northfield Schools on September 21 will be Dr. Charles W. Gilkey of the University of Chicago, in Russell Sage Chapel at 11 A. M. and Rev. Albert B. Buchanan, chaplain, Mount Hermon School, in Memorial Chapel, at 10.30 A. M.

Monroe Smith, director of the Youth Hostel, who has just returned from a summer in Europe with a group of hostellers who lent their services in rebuilding European hostels, was the speaker at the supper meeting of the Men's Brotherhood at the Congregational Church Tuesday evening. Harold Briesmaster is the new president of the Brotherhood.

The sum of \$372 was realized in a benefit game of baseball played last Sunday afternoon between the Northfield and Hinsdale teams on the high school grounds. The score was Northfield 8, Hinsdale 2. The money will be given to Laurie Harris, well known pitcher who injured his arm in a previous game. He is in the Franklin county hospital being treated by Dr. Lee, surgeon and bone specialist, and making a recovery.

The newly elected officers of the Pilgrim Fellowship of the Congregational Church will be installed at a candlelight service Sunday evening, September 21, at 6.30 o'clock.

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